Control of Books

Prosecution of publishers of books containing obscene matters.

*1970 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 10th March 1928, a deputation headed by the Maharaja of Pithapuram waited on His Excellency the Governor and the then Law Member regarding the matter of sanctioning the prosecution of the publishers of books, supposed to contain obscene matters; and

(b) what action the Government have taken on the representation made by the deputationists?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The representations were considered by the Government who concluded that no alteration was necessary in their policy or orders.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know what representations were made by the deputations and why they were rejected?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Representations were made that ancient books of real literary merit which contained obscene literature should be exempted from prosecution, and when prosecutions are undertaken by Government they should consult non-official bodies like the Telugu Academy and the University Board of Studies. But the Government thought that each case should be dealt on its own merits and it is open to Government to consult these bodies whenever they want. Therefore Government did not think that any alteration was necessary in their policy."

European Education

Boarding grants to European schools.

*1971 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) to which of the European schools boarding grants were given in 1927-28;

(b) how much for each;

(c) what proportion this bears to the portion borne by the management; and

(d) the number of students in each such school?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Labour

Recruitment of Inspectors in the Labour Department.

*1972 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inspectors employed under the Labour Department are required to inspect the schools and co-operative societies started and run by the department;